Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, greetings.

WHEREAS, South Dakota's fisheries resources are among the finest outdoor resources in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Fishing can be a very rewarding outdoor experience providing a source of relaxation, promoting respect for sound conservation and the bounty and wonder of our natural resources, and introduces millions of people to the benefits of outdoor recreation, which has a lasting enrichment in all people's lives; and,

WHEREAS, Twenty percent of all South Dakotans are licensed fishermen and women and who are willing to share the good fishing they enjoy with others who have not been fishing in recent years or who do not go fishing regularly; and,

WHEREAS, Sport fishing in South Dakota provides over four million days of recreational opportunity and enjoyment for South Dakotans and visitors to our state, providing an estimated 70 million dollars in economic benefit to the state; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks has been very active in developing and managing the state's fisheries and outdoor resources to benefit its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, National Fishing Week is proclaimed by the President of the United States to be June 6-12, and is nationally supported and co-sponsored by such groups as the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association, Berley's Future Fisherman Foundation, the Sport Fishing Institute, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and American Fisheries Society:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11 and 12, 1988, as

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

in South Dakota, and I join with the Game, Fish and Parks Department in encouraging experienced anglers to introduce someone new to the fine sport of fishing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE